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SUBJ: EAST BLOC PROPOSAL AT WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISIM:
DEMARCHE TO POLES

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1. I CALLED AUGUST 22 ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER KULAGA
(DIRECTOR PAWALK OF MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO PRESENT) AND HANDED OVER AN AIDE
MEMOIRE PURSUANT TO REF (A) PARA 2. I REMAKRED TO
KULAGA ON THE MFA'S EFFICIENCY; ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER
OUR PREVIOUS MEETING ON AUGUST 16 CONCERNING THE CON-
FERENCE, WHEN KULAGA HAS TOLD ME THE GOP HAD LITTLE
INTEREST IN THE ZIONISN-RACISM ISSUE, THE POLISH DELE
GATION AT GENEVA HAD JOINED IN INITATING AND SPONSORING
A DOCUMENT TO THE CONFERENCE THAT RAISED THAT ISSUE
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EMPHATICALLY-AS FAR AS WE KNEW, THE FIRST TO DO SO.

2. JULAGA, AFTER READING THE AIDE MEMOIRE, CALLED
IT A "BLUNT STATEMENT." I AGREED THAT IT WAS.
KULAGA RECALLED THAT IN OUR EARLIER CONVERSATION
HE HAD SAID THAT THE POLISH DELEGATION AT GENEVA
WOULD NOT AVOID ANY ISSUES INVOLVING RACISM

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OR RACIAL DISCRIMATION. THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' PROPOSAL, HE SIAD, WAS A WORKING DOCUMENT WHICH THE POLES HOPED WOULD LEAD TO A FINAL DOCUMENT EMBODYING CERTAIN PRINCIPLES AND THAT IN ITSELF WOULD CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO THE DISCUSSIONS AND TO SOLVING PROBLEMS AT THE CONFERENCE. THE POLISH DELEGATION, HE SAID, WAS PROCEEDING IN THAT SPIRIT.

3. SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE ZIONISM-RACISM QUESTION, KULAGA CONTINUED, IN OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WE HAD LAREADY NOTED THE DIFFERENCES IN THE US AND POLISH POINTS OF VIEW. THE US WAS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO THIS QUESTION, FOR CERTAIN EVIDENT REASONS. AS HE HAD OBSERVED BEFORE, POLAND CONSIDERED THE 1975 UNGA RESOLUTION ON ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACISM TO BE BASED ON A NUMBER OF FACTS WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ASSEMBLY'S ATTENTION. RASISING THE MATTER NOW WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF EFFORTS AT THE CONFERENCE TO ALLEVIATE AND PUT AN END OF CERTAIN FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION.

4. I CONCURRED THAT KULAGA AND I HAD EARLIER NOTED OUR DISAGREEMENT ON THE FUNDAMENTAL POINT OF THE ZIONISM-RACISM RSOLUTION, AND NOTED IN PASSING THAT CURIOUSLY, THOSE WHO HAD BEEN MOST ARDENT IN PRESSING THE 1975 RESOLUTION WERE OF THE SAME RACIAL STOCK AS THE ZIONISTS THEM-
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SELVES. HOWEVER, OUR MAIN COMPLAINT NOW DID NOT REALTE TO THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF OUR COUNTRIES ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION. RECALLING THAT KULAGA HAD SAID LAST WEEK THAT GOP WAS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE ZIONISM-RACISM QUESTION, I SAID IT WAS WITH SOME SURPRISE THAT WE AHD LEARNED THAT THE POLISH DELEGATION HAD JOINED IN AN INITIATIVE BRINGING THE SUBJECT UP FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE WOULD HAVE DEPLORED IT IF THE GOP HAD SAID IN ADVANCE THAT IT WOULD TAKE PART IN USHC AN INITIATIVE, BUT THE LACK OF OF CANDOR THAT HAD BEEN SHOWM MADE MATTERS WORSE.

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SUCH LACK OF CANDOR COULD NEEDLESSLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH THE US, FOR ITS PART, WAS INTERESTED IN REINFORCING, AND SO CONTINUING THE PROCESS OF RECENT YEARS. I NOTED THAT OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WITH ONE NOTABLE EXCEPTION, HAD GENERALLY EXPRESSED THE SAME SENTIMENTS TO US AS KULAGA HAD TO ME AUGUST 16.

5. KULAGA SAID BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE IMPORTANT TO THE GOP TOO. HE WAS "SOMEWHAT PUZZLED, HOWEVER, THAT I HAD BROUGH THEM UP, BECAUSE THE POLES DID NOT THINK THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE, ON WHICH WE ADMITTEDLY DIFFERED, SHOULD AFFECT THEM.

6. I REPLED THAT I HAD NOT SAID ZIONISM-RACISM, BUT RAHTER CANDOR OR THE LACK OF IT, COULD AFFECT
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OUR RELATIONS. I RECALLED MY EARLIER STATEMENT ON THE US ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CONFERENCE, STRESSING OUR WISH THAT IT NOT HAVE RESULTS THAT WOULD IMPEDE THE USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE WORKD DONE ELSWHERE BY THE UN IN COMBATTING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION WHERE IT REALLY EXISTED. HANDING OVER A COPY OF THE MEBASSY'S PRESS RELEASE OF THE AUGUST 18 WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON THE CONFERENCE, I EXPRESSED THE HOPE

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THAT KULAGA WOULD SHARE THIS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WITH HIS GOVERNMENT. I SAID I HAD LISTENED TO AND UNDERSTOOD KULAGA'S EXPLANATIONS, WHICH I WOULD REPORT.

7. KULAGA CONCLUDED BY ASKING US TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE EASTERN PROPOSAL WAS A WORKING DOCUMENT WHICH IT WAS HOPED WOULD AID IN SOLVING PROBLEMS; BY NO MEANS WAS IT MEANT TO SABOTAGE THE CONFERENCE. HE ADDED THAT THE GOP ALSO DID NOT WANT BILATERAL RELATIONS TO BE AFFECTED, EITHER BY THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE OR BY THE AIDE MEMOIRE I HAD DELIVERED, THE CONCLUSIONS OF WHICH HE COULD NOT ACCPET.

8.COMMENT: KULAGA DID NOT (AS HE COULD NOT) DIRECTLY ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF CANDOR. IT IS CKNCEIVALBE, BUT HARD TO BELIEVE , THAT THE SOVIETS KEP POLES AND THE OTHER EE ALLIES IN THE DARK ABOUT THE DOCUMENT BEFORE SPRINGIN IT ON THEM JUST BEFORE ITS CIRCULATION AT THE CONFERENCE.

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